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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

The Law and Order Reunion is now a matter of history. It was a wonderful three days, reflected not only in the large number of candidates, but also in the tremendous number of our members who registered for the event. As usual, the degree teams performed admirably and it continues to be a source of admiration that our Brethren should exhibit such a high degree of dramatic skill. Our Brethren who perform so beautifully on the stage in the portrayal of the degrees have been long noted for their record of perfection in the exemplification of the degrees. Their performance during the three days of this Reunion served to intensify the inspiration which the candidates received during the Reunion.

The Tuesday evening banquet hour was given over to the awarding of the medals which had been won by the Brethren.

This Reunion attracted visitation of several Brethren from other Valleys in North Carolina. From the Greensboro Bodies we had their popular Secretary, Brother Robert G. Paschal, John R. Fields, Mack L. Gordy and Albien W. Powell. Each of these Brethren holds a responsibile position in the Greensboro Bodies and each was accompanied by his wife.

The highlight of the Reunion came during Wednesday evening when the theme of Law and Order was emphasized during the banquet hour. The featured speaker for this occasion was one of our own beloved members: the Hon. and Bro. Robert D. Rouse, Jr., 32°, Judge of the Superior Court. Present for the occasion and emphasizing the general theme of Law and Order were a number of our Brethren who are involved either in the legislative process or in the enforcement of the law. There were Mayors, members of the Boards of Aldermen, County Commissioners, Judges, Legislators, Solicitors and others.

On Thursday evening the Reunion concluded with an address by the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Berl M. Kahn, 33°, of Goldsboro. During his year as Grand Master this distinguished Brother has carried the story of Masonry in a magnificent manner throughout the State and the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies feel highly complimented that he could take a few hours from his busy schedule and meet with the Brethren of our Valley.

We are now looking forward to our Spring Reunion on April 10, 11 and 12, 1972 The members of this Law and Order Class have promised to make every effort to bring at least one candidate with them and we know that we can count on them to make good on their promises.

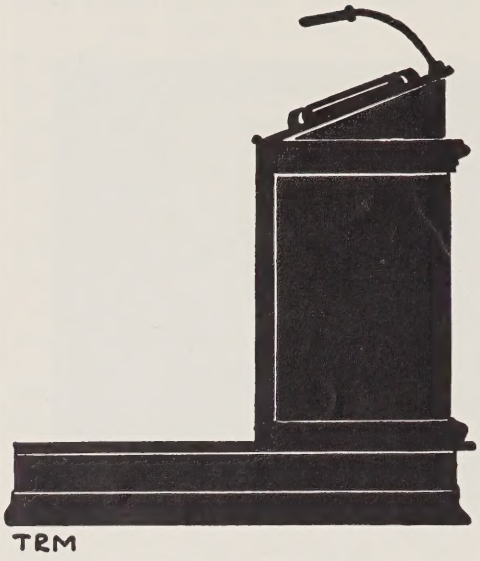
And please don't forget that our annual Christmas Open House will be observed in this Temple on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, beginning at 3:30 o'clock and continuing until 7:00 P.M. The Temple will be decorated throughout in the Christmas motif and you are extended a cordial invitation to visit your Temple and to bring your family with you.

In the meantime, all of us in the office extend to you the wish that your Christmas will be filled with such moments of enjoyment and inner peace as will suit your individual need, together with an expression of hope for a Prosperous and Successful New Year.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY REACHES OUT FOR A MAN'S FAITH

Scottish Masonry reaches out for a man's faith. IT calls for the best that is within him. Scottish Rite Masonry teaches us unity, immutability, goodness and immortality. There is a definite relationship with religion, in that many of its teachings come from the very heart of christianity. Scottish Masonry is not purely speculative but it is also practical. Man's life is not measured by days, months and years but by what we have done for others. An ordinary, useless life is short, though it matches the life of an oak tree in the forest. "He who spends his life furthering the cause of service adds to his stature" according to our Movement.

The Founding Fathers of our Movement placed these things at the top in order to attract the best that is within us. It was much like the Sermon on The Mount. Jesus wanted his principles to be high, noble and free to attract the highest within man. We were created by the Supreme Architect, just a little lower than the angels with possibilities to give, to do and to share. Here is where we, as the highest of God's creations, come into the picture.

The Scottish Rite reaches out for these possibilities and inspires a man to want to reach out and upward and into the stream of living life at its fullest. Thus, we can see that a person who has no desire to achieve, who can not see beyond his or her self, is a pathetic creature. Our real joy comes from others. The happiest moments we can recall involves others, our families, our friends and our neighbors.

Our Movement is one of the fairest flowers found in all of the gardens of the earth. Fraternity is one of the most beautiful of its flowers. The fragrance of this flower throws about it the sunshine of friendship and the dew drops of charity and love; protecting the living, soothing the dying, holding in remembrance the dead and assisting with those left behind. Love, friendship and helpfulness make this a happy environment.

The God of humanity has inspired within us something grander and nobler than SELF. This fact alone, is tender proof that Scottish Masonry reaches out for a man's faith - the very best that we have to offer to those round about us.

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SUNDAY EVENING

December 17, 1972, 3:30 to 7:00 P.M.

All Master Masons and their families are extended a cordial invitation to visit us at any time during the Open House observance. The Temple will be decorated with the Christmas theme and refreshments will be served. Come and spend a few moments of quiet Christmas relaxation with us. Santa Claus will visit us in the latter part of the afternoon.

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

With the wonderful, glorious season of Christmas approaching, most of you will have an occasion to hear Handel's "Messiah". Here is a short biography of the composer.

By the time George Fredrick Handel was nine years old, he was already writing cantatas. A few years later he was requested to play before the King of Prussia. Then things began to take an unusual turn for him. His father died, his music no longer sold, and he became bankrupt. Almost in despair, he closeted himself and, in his room, in twenty-four days wrote his inspiring oratorio, "The Messiah". He became so enraptured as he studied the scriptures that he afterward exclaimed, "I did see the heavens open and the great God himself seated on His throne." When he died in 1759, he was buried in Westminster Abbey. A statue was later erected depicting him seated at his desk, the manuscript of this particularly majestic selection spread out before him.

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Often we stand at life's crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us, "It's only a bend."

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When a man dies, they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him.

The Koran

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About the zip code? Now any letter posted before noon is delivered the following morning - give or take a few weeks.

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Young boy, showing his report card to his father: "They're not paying her enough, for one thing!"

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The Chinese gentleman telephoned for an appointment. "What time you can fix my tooth?" he inquired.

"Two-thirty?" suggested the dentist.

"Yes, sir," said the Chinese gentleman, "tooth very much hurtie. What time can I come?"

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One man to another: "I'm all in favor of the 18-year-old vote. There'll never be another time in his life that he knows so much."

An American, returning from England, told friends, "It's a great country, but it sure needs a roof."

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America is the only country in the world where men can get together to talk about hard times over a $10 steak.

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A young college student brought a friend home from college, who was an extremely attractive honey blonde. Introducing his friend to his grandfather, the boy added: "And just think, Marilyn, he's in his nineties."

"Early nineties, that is," said the old man with a gleam in his eye.

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The happiest miser in the world is the fellow who saves up every friend he can make.

Now - to all the new Scottish Rite Masons: Congratulations! You have just acquired something that no one can ever take away from you.

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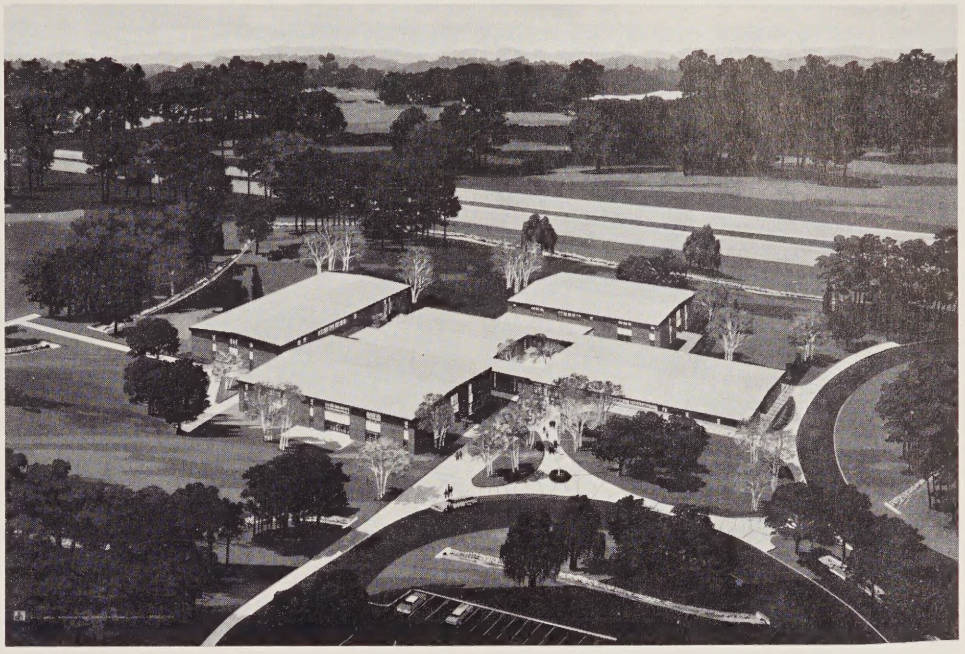
Scottish Rite Masons Honored By School Board

H. J. MacDonald, 33°

One of our most active Scottish Rite Masons, Brother H. J. MacDonald, 33°, was signally honored Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1972 with the dedication of the H. J. MacDonald Junior High School, named in honor of this beloved Brother who has been Superintendent of the New Bern City Schools for a number of years. The dedicatory address was given by Robert L. Pugh, retired Superintendent of the Craven County Schools.

A large audience filled the auditorium and guests from a number of places were recognized.

In the course of his address, the Scottish Rite Secretary paid the following tribute:



H. J. MacDonald Junior High School, New Bern, North Carolina

"It is fitting, therefore, that we dedicate this beautiful Junior High School Building to this great and good man, thereby giving us the joy of this expression of our love and appreciation for him. Though small in physical stature, Harry MacDonald rises high above petty arguments, piques, and quarrels, above political differences and the like, and he makes us proud indeed that such a man rose to leadership within our great educational fraternity. For certainly it can be truly said of him: 'Show men the leaders that men rise up for their movements, and I will write from their lives the destiny of your people.'

"The presence of so many of his friends and associates on this occasion this afternoon is a testimony to the fact that he has done his work well, that he has provided for the school children of the City of New Bern a direction of education that easily places his system among the very best."

A portrait of H. J. MacDonald was unveiled by Mrs. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald expressed deep humility and appreciation for the great honor bestowed on him and stated that "The school is a monument to thousands of persons, who have realized a dream come true. Everyone who has had a part in making this beautiful facility a reality, shares this honor with me. Without the united efforts of all the people of this city, this facility could never have been."

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Having been writing *Down Onslow Way* for over fourteen years I am usually given credit for having originated the name and the column. Actually, our late George C. Faville, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., began the column and wrote it for several months before turning it over to me when he moved to Tennessee. So . . . about the only thing I can claim credit for is that the column has never missed an issue since its inception in early 1958.

My first column was in the August-September 1958 issue. Jimmy Blaylock's picture graced the cover of that issue, he being the newly elected Commander, New Bern Council of Kadosh No. 4.

Charlie Seifert was then our Secretary and was industriously plugging — on the Secretary's Page - the reunion which was coming up on November 18, 19 and 20 that year. We never did produce quite enough candidates to suit old Charlie - he probably would not have been satisfied with 500. A grand guy!

Bob Pugh, our present able and highly-esteemed Secretary, was then busy superintending the Craven County school system. He was finding time, though, to perform in several degrees, serve as Class Lecturer, write a monthly page for *The Bagpipe*, and do the Lord only knows what else for Scottish Rite.

Ed Blair was writing a column back then, and Paul Stevens was, too.

George Faville is gone, Charlie Seifert is gone, and two other *Bagpipe* stalwarts, Tom McCrea and Garrason Farrow, have passed on. Tom, in 1958, was writing *Temple Tomes*, as he did for years; Garry, as Director of The Work, usually contributed an article.

Back then *The Bagpipe* each month featured one of the Thirty-third Degree members. In the August-September 1958 issue Francis Clark was the honoree, and in that old picture Francis looked not a great deal younger than he does today. Carry on, Francis.

Dues in 1958 were seven dollars a year.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge during these past fourteen years. We've acquired a host of new and good friends, and friends are, I think, the greatest treasure accruing to the active Mason. Some of our good friends have passed onward and upward, and there have been other sad times. But, in the main, those fourteen years have been good ones. The pluses far outweigh the minuses.

For those fourteen years, and for the eight years preceding them, Mary Frances and I made our home in Jacksonville. We raised our children there, we built a home there, we put our roots down deep. Certainly, few natives of the area love Jacksonville and Onslow as we do. We have long felt we would leave there only in death.

Last year, though, a change in employment, with an accompanying travel requirement, caused us to begin considering a move westward. While we steadfastly resisted the idea of moving, it appeared more and more to be the practical thing to do. So, late in October — on Mary Frances' birthday - we moved to Raleigh. It was a move from which we will never completely recover, no matter how much we may come to love Raleigh, but it was a move which seemed to us necessary.

We have not told our friends goodby, we have not told Onslow goodby. We're going to keep on seeing them, even if somewhat less frequently.

And we haven't said goodby to the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, because we will continue to serve them in every way possible.

We must, however, bid goodby to *Down Onslow Way*. We just cannot fit the bill anymore. So, this time,

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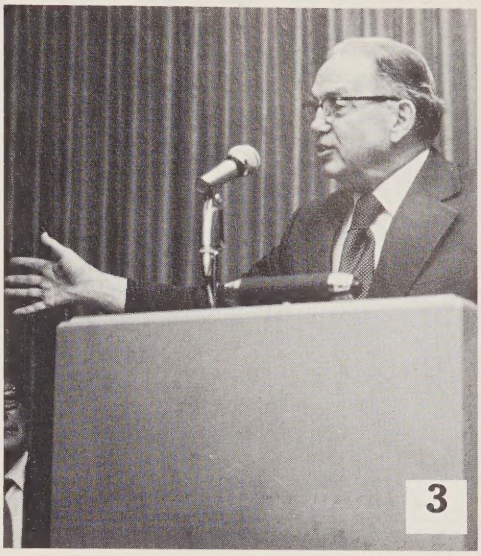

1. President Johnny West introducing program.
2. Rector Emeritus and Brother Charles E. Williams.
3. Sam D. Bundy regaling the group with his famous wit.
4. P.G.M. "Shorty" Kafer introducing the guest speaker.
5. Our Scotch friend, Harry MacDonald, welcoming the group.
6. "Bugs" Barrington introducing the distinguished guests.
7. A group of the leaders at the Rocky Mount Party; left to right, Vigle Boomer, Jesse Harris, Cy Fuller, Bob Pugh and Jimmy Brewer.
8. The Rev. and Brother Alton Hill introducing Ed Blair at the Carteret County Party.

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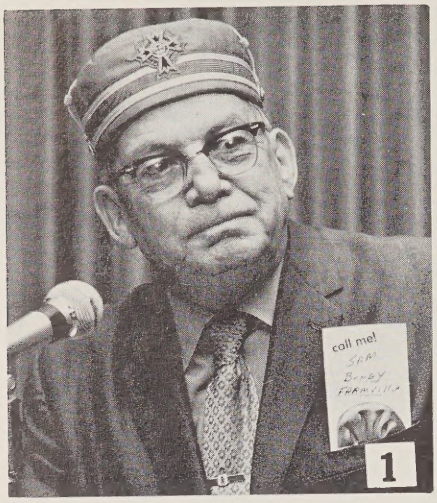

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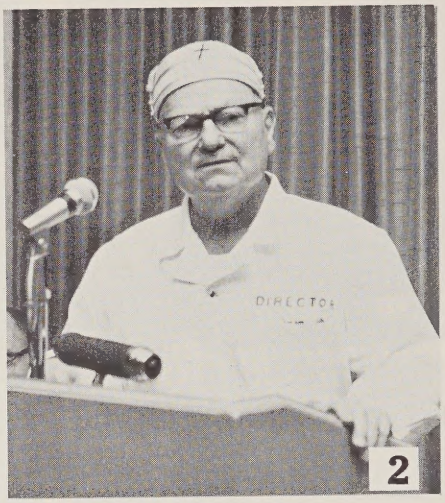
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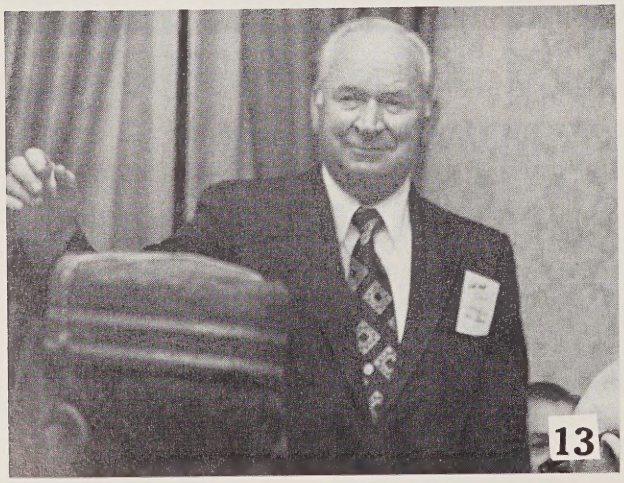
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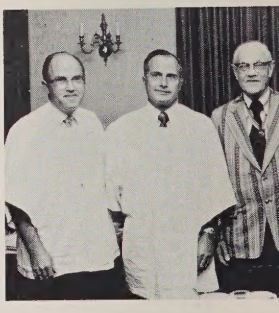

1. Sam Bundy spent the full three days enjoying the degrees.
2. Stage Director, P.G.M. "Shorty" Kafer, introducing the Grand Master.
3. A new method of bestowing the Service Award Medal to Brother Nolan Beat.
4. Secretary Bob Pugh presents the medal winners.
5. Jimmy Brewer recognizing distinguished guests.
6. The Grand Master makes a pleasing point in his address.
7. Judge Robert D. Rouse, Jr. speaks on "Law and Order".
8. The Sheriff: C. B. Berry and the Commissioner W. J. Wynne.

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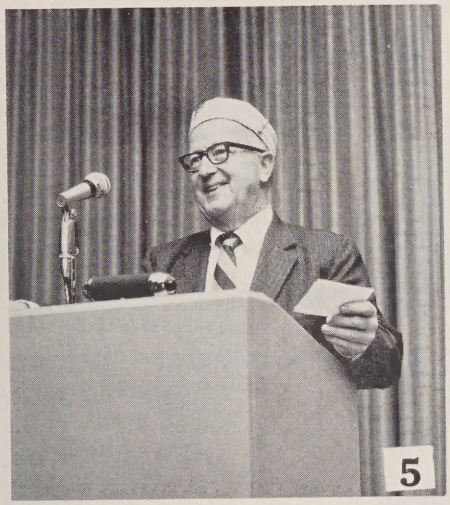
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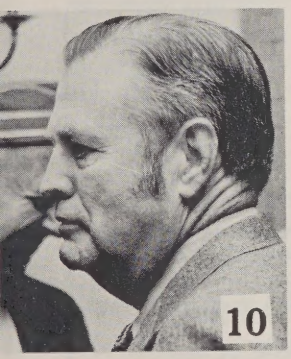
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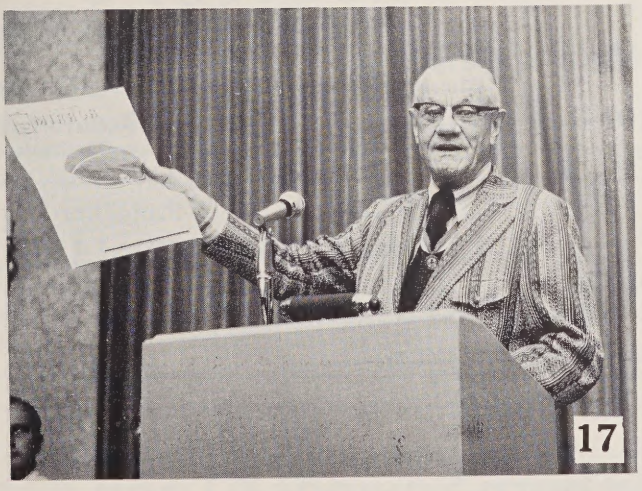
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9. Marvin Kornegay receives his medal from Betty Bundy.
10. The Mayor: Cecil King and the Legislator: Chris Barker.
11. Another lucky medal winner receives it from Lula Paschal.
12. Secretary Bob Paschal, Greensboro, introduced to the crowd.
13. Police Chief, John Worsham.
14. Three Fifty-Year Veterans.
15. Four medal winners with the Secretary.
16. The Grand Master and the Secretary with the Class Officers.
17. "The Mirror" features the 32° cap.
18. Shorty Kafer, Jimmy Brewer and Donald Bell.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Every Mason Can Keep The Christmas Spirit

Have you ever wondered why we do not have more faith in the spirit of Christmas - that glorious, happy spirit, that cordial feeling of goodwill? For two or three weeks of the year people make a bold attempt to fashion their relationships, one with another, as they are intended to be throughout the year. Feelings of ill-will are thrust aside, family differences are patched up, and it is counted a joy to give rather than to merely receive. In fact, the most of us spend a great deal of our time and energy just trying to make other people happy. The other fellow comes first. Without very much trouble, we are prompted to give self a back seat. Why should this spirit of fellowship and joy and goodwill, which gives so much joy and happiness and contentment, be in the main the monopoly of two or three weeks of the year? Here is the spirit that should characterize every day of the year. Here is something which every Mason (regardless of his religious preference) can share with his brother.

At Christmas we have a holiday. We escape life's throng and press. We shut tight our business ledgers. We lock fast our offices and places of business. There is no clocking in and no clocking out at a job. There are no production targets to be bothered with. For about two or three days there seems to be no food problem

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

for many of us and life is lived within the sanctuary of the home and amongst those whom we love and who love us.

Surely, in every day there are the little niceties that play their part in making life worth living. So often there are, but have you noticed that even with all that goes to make life pleasant and happy in our work-a-day world we seem to live as though we were on our guard against the other fellow? Most of us find that we can reveal the Christmas spirit at times without very much inconvenience to ourselves. But when our self interest is attacked we find ourselves, perhaps unconsciously, on the defensive.

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and grew up. It is unfortunate that the elevation of self so often takes a prior place in your life and mine. What an unhappy world it is because of the prior claim of pagan values against that which is basic to real living. How many people are really contented and satisfied today? How many enjoy a feeling of enduring security?

Yet, at Christmas, when we would rather give than to receive, we enjoy a singular sense of happiness and satisfaction. Life is what it is intended to be. Well, if we are as reasonable as we like to think we are, why is it that we so readily forsake the Christmas spirit when the day is passed? When we turn from this festive season back to the business and the everyday steps of our life, we tend to leave the real meaning packed among the ornaments? It is as though we had turned our steps into another world.

We would agree that so much of what is wrong in our world is spiritual and moral. In other words, the spirit of Christmas is absent. Regardless of your religious preference, one must admit that this spirit is derived from somewhere. It has a source from which it flows. God is the source and the Christmas spirit must come from Him. This is the one in whom each of us has put his trust.

We need the simple trust, the believing love of a little child. We capture it for a brief while at Christmas, then it seems often to depart! Charles Lamb asks, "Why must everything smack of man or the mannish? Is the world grown up? Or is there not in the bosom of the wisest and best some of the child's heart left to respond to the earliest enchantments?" Is there not, indeed?

With a similar experience in our heart, possessed by that rich and unmistakable assurance found in Almighty God, we can all keep the Christmas spirit and carry it into the new year. The prayer of the poet will be on our lips daily:

Fill us with Holy love,
Heal thou our earthly pride;
Born in each lowly heart,
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Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Thursday evening Nov. 2, 1972, at "Buck Overton's Rivers Edge Restaurant" Jamesville, N. C. with ten brethren and their wives, and Mrs. R. H. Lucas, which made twenty-one present.

Every effort was made to impress upon the Brethren and their wives the importance of bringing to the attention of our "Blue Lodge Brethren" the blessings of Scottish Rite Masonry, and its great need in our nation today.

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For two entire centuries after Augustus had assumed power, the world flourished and apparently prospered under the "Roman peace". The ruins of Pompeii, the tale of destruction, show how well and how lazily the upper classes and even the masses lived. There were minor wars along the border and Britian was added to the empire during this time but generally peace prevailed. The nations of the world intermingled freely, and discovered, for the first time on earth, that they were much alike. The universal brotherhood of man may be not even yet fully recognized and welcomed; but the first step toward its acknowledgment was taken under imperial Rome.

This brings us to a very solemn thought. Many earnest men have believed that they see a divine Providence running through the whole course of history, and nowhere more obvious than here. They point to to the careers of both Greece and Rome as being a special preparation for the coming of the Christ. The mission of Greece, they tell us, was to arouse the mind of man, to make him capable of thought and sensitive to spiritual beauty; that of Rome was to teach him the value of law and order and peace, and yet more, to draw all men together, that all might have opportunity to hear the lessons of the new faith.

Certain it is that at any earlier date it would have seemed practically impossible for a religion to spread beyond a single people. Not only was communication between the nations faint and intermittent, but they were so savage, so suspicious of each other, that a wanderer had to meet them weapon in hand. He must have a ship to flee to or an Army to his back. Now, however, under the restraint of Roman law, strangers met and passed without a blow. Latin, the tongue of law, was everywhere partly known. Greek was almost equally widespread as the language of art and culture.

The Hebrews, too, had done their share in the work of preparation. They had developed the religious sense, beyond any of the Aryan peoples. Their religion had become a part, the main part, of their daily lives. They believed it, not with the languid logic of the Romans, not with the sensuous pleasure of the Greeks, but fiercely, fervidly, with a passion that swept all reason to the winds.

Among them appeared the Christ, born in the days of Augustus, crucified in those of Tiberius. His teaching was mainly the doctrine of love, which Buddha had announced five hundred years before, but which was new to the Roman world; and

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the promise of life beyond the grave, which many races had more or less believed in, but which never before had been made to carry a vision of such splendor and such glory. He also advocated non-resistance to enemies a principle which the early Church obeyed, but which has found small favor among the masses of later Christians.

These teachings, then, were none of them wholly unconceived before; but they were enforced by a life so pure, a manner so earnest, as compelled respect. Converts became many; and one of these at least took literally the command of the Master, to proclaim the faith to all peoples of the earth. The apostle Paul, stopping beyond the narrow bounds of Judea, preached Christianity to mankind.

Then may we study the prophets of the Old Testament, for they predicted the coming of Christ, and their prophecies have been fulfilled. "They", said he, "both glorified the Creator, the God and Father of all, and proclaimed his Son the Christ sent by him." May we then pray that, above all things, the gates of light may be opened to us, for these things cannot be perceived or understood by all, but only by him to whom God and his Christ have imparted wisdom."

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Riters really had a memorable week the first of November. Martin and Washington Counties joined us with the best Ladies' Night that we have ever had. The meeting was held at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. The ladies of the Eastern Star, who served the meal, were almost in panic when more than two hundred sent cards in saying they were coming. This is about twice as many as we normally have. If the number increases, we are going to have to make different arrangements.

The president of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club, Jack Tripp, presided. Brother Ray Alexander gave the invocation. While the meal was being served, Zoph Potts rendered several selections on the piano. After dinner, Brother Tripp welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to the ladies. Mrs. Kenneth Seals gave the response.

While the tables were being cleared, group singing, led by Ashley Leggett with Zoph Potts at the piano, was enjoyed by all and it was felt that the group was in a receptive mood for what was to follow. Brother Charles Potter presented invitations to the prospective candidates and outlined the planned schedule to their wives of the "honey-moon" plan. Brother Bob Pugh introduced the speaker who was filling for Brother Sam Bundy who could not be present. The principle speaker was Nelson Banks. Nelson made a very nice talk and explained how he had made observations of some members who had taken the Rites and of how he could recognize the change that resulted.

Following Nelson's talk, Brother Jack recognized the officers of the Beaufort County Club and then he recognized those from other counties. He thanked the Eastern Star ladies and everyone who had helped to make the occasion so successful. Brother Fred Fordham gave the benediction.

You know, the writer of this article had his ego swelled a little. After the dinner, several came and congratulated us for the singing and, one lady in particular asked me if I knew certain members over in Martin County and I replied that their names were familiar. Then she said, "I'm one of them". Well I never did get the ladies name but I've been wondering if she was a "Kissing cousin". And then as I started out the door, this gentleman came to me and said, "Are you Ashley G. Leggett?" I answered in the affirmative, and asked him if he had a warrant for my arrest. He said not yet but, he added, "I just want to let you know that I have enjoyed reading your articles in the Bagpipe". I am sorry that I am afflicted with bad hearing and I did not get the man's name but he was with King Leggett of Williamston and he was such a nice guy, I know that he just had to be a Leggett.

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The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Sunday evening November 4th. This was a charcoal

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cook-out with each member bringing his own steak. 37 members and guests were present. Dr. Karl VanHorn and Herman Jones with their wives were hosts for the occasion. Supper was served at 6 P.M., Ashley Leggett gave the invocation. Pres. Jack Tripp, presided. Elizabeth Davies of Arlington, Va. was guest of Barry Gutfeld who also introduced George and Martha Hardin as new members. George is a native of Beaufort County but has spent many years in San Diego, Calif. and upon retirement came back home. William and Lela Parvin, potential candidates were guests of Ashley Leggett.

After the meal the men retired for a short business meeting while the ladies cleaned up the mess.

President Tripp presided. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

A committee was appointed to visit and discuss with the Consistory matters of importance.

Host for the December meeting will be Vance Smith and Charles Hester with their wives. It was decided to have a Christmas party at this time and each member is to bring a small toy of some kind which will be presented to the local Salvation Army.

A nominating committee was appointed and instructed to bring a proposed slate of officers for the year of 1973, on our next meeting night. Nominations will be held and also election will be held on Sunday evening December 3rd. Officers will take over on the first meeting night in January 1973. The nominating committee, the last three presidents; Ray Alexander, Henry Jones and Vance Smith. It was decided to raise the dues of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club to $5.00 per year per couple.

Ashley Leggett instructed all of the try-outs for the 17th degree team to be sure to attend the morning session of the upcoming Reunion on Wednesday, November 15th, to witness the degree. He also asked all members to attend as much of the Reunion as possible.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Edenton Club held its November meeting as a supper meeting. Meeting was called to order by Clarance White. Invocation was given by Curtis Forehand. Christmas party was discussed. It was decided to hold a covered dish supper Friday, December 1, 1972. The time was set at 7 o'clock.

The secretary was asked to send cards to Jake Barger and Raymond Tarkenton, both being in the hospital. Regular business was taken care of and the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,
James E. Yates, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

Ladies' Night Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

Our annual Ladies' Night was held Wednesday night October 25th in the Elizabeth City Masonic Temple.

Brother Cosby S. Jones, President, served as toastmaster. The invocation was given by Brother Wilton Walker, 32°, the welcome was made by Brother C. E. Bunch, 32°, K.C.C.H., and the response was by Brother John Sanderlin, 32°.

Brother F. W. Clark, 33°, gave a short talk regarding the Reunion to be held November 14, 15 and 16th in New Bern, urging those who had not attended recently to do so on these dates bringing a candidate with them.

Brother James Coile, 32°, Pastor of the United Methodist Church, Trenton, North Carolina, was introduced by Brother W. M. "Coonie" Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H. Brother Coile made a most inspiring address which was enjoyed by the 250 Ladies, members and prospective candidates present.

W. M. "Coonie" Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H.
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New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met Monday evening, November 13, 1972, with President Johnny R. West, presiding.

The invocation was given by Brother L. T. "Bugs" Barrington.

Brother West welcomed the twenty-seven members present and extended an invitation to four visiting Scottish Rite members to meet with us whenever they are in our vicinity.

Brother West read a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson on the equality that every sweet has its sour; every evil has its good.

An election committee was appointed by Brother West to nominate prospective members for Club officers that are to be elected in the December meeting. The committee consists of Brother Charles F. Dickinson, Chairman; Brother L. T. "Bugs" Barrington; and Brother Edward W. Paul, Jr.

Brother Bob Pugh was called on for a few words of wisdom and an update on preparations for our Law and Order Reunion.

Brother Pugh expressed his appreciation fo rthe many efforts exerted in behalf of Scottish Rite Masonry.

There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Brother Bob Pugh.

Respectfully,
E. W. Paul, Jr., Secretary

Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club was held at the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, October 25th. There were 33 present for this meeting. After a delicious dinner of barbequed Chicken and all the trimmings, a most enjoyable and informative meeting was held.

The meeting was called to order by the President Ed Hartsell. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold to promote interest in the fall reunion and to discuss further the idea of promoting a scholarship at E.C.U. It had been brought to the attention of the President of the club that the Supreme Council had been sponsoring a foundation for George Washington University, in Washington, D. C. but was changing its sponsorship of this idea for the plan of establishing funds to train personnel for the treatment of those that were afflicted with Aphasia or Dyslexic.

The president stated that he had invited Bro. Robert L. Pugh, who is secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies for the Valley of New Bern and Dr. Hume, of E.C.U. to come and give a talk on this subject.

This was a most interesting program and quite a bit of interest was created among the members present.

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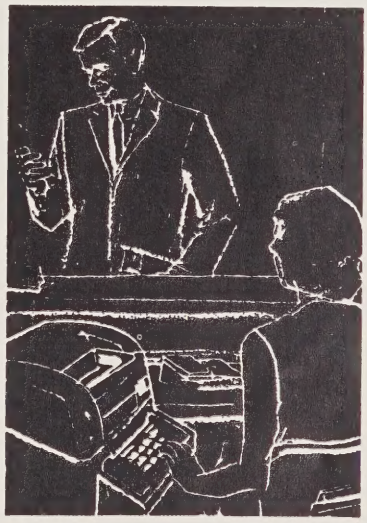

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To bring us bitter loss,
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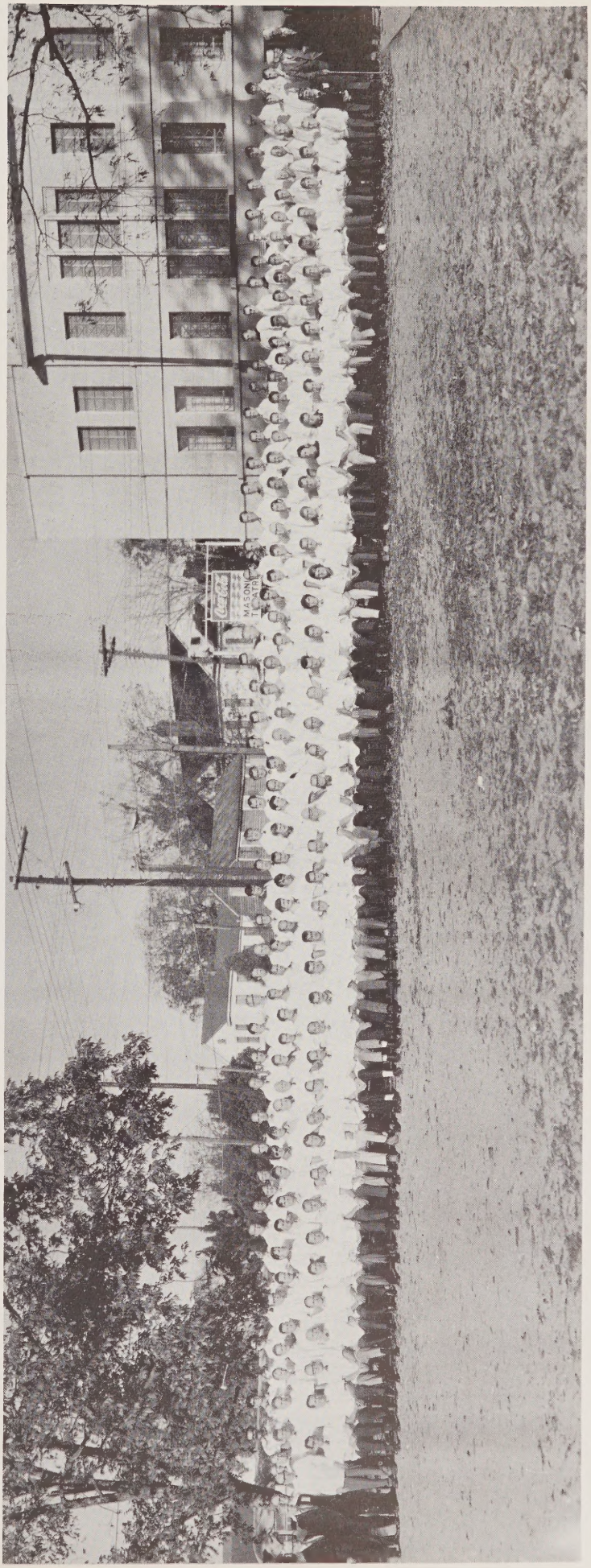

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View across the harbor at the Coast Guard Station, Ocracoke, N. C. — Outer Banks

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Ocracoke Coast Guard Station stands like a sentinel at the entrance to the beautiful harbor, known as "Silver Lake." The motto of the U. S. Coast Guard is "Semper Paratus," and just as in days gone by the Life Saving Service went to the rescue of shipwrecks along the Outer Banks, the Coast Guard today is "Always Prepared" to go to the assistance of the ever increasing number of small, privately-owned power boats and yachts which visit Ocracoke annually to fish in nearby Pamlico Sound or out in the Gulf Stream of the Atlantic. Many tourists visit the Coast Guard tower located adjacent to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Marina and the Sea Level (Ocracoke to Cedar Island) ferry docks, to get the magnificent view of the harbor, the Village, and the broad Atlantic Ocean beach. Information about Ocracoke can be obtained by writing the local Civic Club.

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